

LLANGEFNI
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
for 1955

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Incorporating the Report of the

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council,

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my annual report for the year 1955.

The vital statistics show no marked variation from those of the previous year. The birth and death rates compare favourably with the rates for the County of Anglesey and England & Wales. Unfortunately, there were two infant deaths and one maternal death. The latter occurred in hospital and was both unforeseeable and unavoidable.

From the table of notified infectious diseases, you will note that there was a decrease in the number of cases of whooping cough, but an increase in the incidence of measles. However as far as is known, no serious complications occurred as a result of this disease. Eight cases of dysentery and four new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year.

Regarding the sanitary circumstances in the district as reported by the Sanitary Inspector, I would state that the existing sewerage schemes is grossly inadequate to meet the present day requirements. The scheme for the new sewage disposal works is in the hands of the Consultant Engineers and it is hoped that an early commencement will be made in 1956.

In conclusion, I would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman and Members for your interest and the Clerk, Sanitary Inspector and Officers of the Council for their co-operation and help.

Yours faithfully,

Margaret M. Lewis.

GENERAL STATISTICS

| | | |
|---|-----|--------|
| Area in Acres | ... | 2,510 |
| Population (Registrar General's estimate, mid.1955) | | 2,440 |
| Number of inhabited houses | ... | 828 |
| Number of council houses | ... | 391 |
| Rateable value | ... | 18,861 |
| Sum produced by a penny rate | ... | £75 |

VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 20 | 27 | 47 |
| Illegitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | <u>21</u> | <u>28</u> | <u>49</u> |
| | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> |

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 20.1. Birth Rates for previous years were: 1951, 17.1; 1952, 20.5; 1953, 15.6; 1954, 22.4.

The Adjusted Birth Rate for Llangefni for 1955 was 18.09.

The Birth Rate for Anglesey was 15.3; England & Wales, 15.0.

Stillbirths

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> |

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live & still) births was 57.7. There were no stillbirths in 1954.

The Stillbirth Rate for Anglesey was 28.3; England & Wales, 23.0.

The Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 estimated population was 1.2. The Rate for Anglesey was 0.45; England & Wales, 0.35.

| <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 13 | 14 | 27 |
| | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> | <u>=</u> |

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 11.1 compared with 8.0 in 1954; 10.4 in 1953 and 13.3 in 1952. The Rate for Anglesey was 16.2; England & Wales, 11.7.

The Adjusted Death Rate for Llangefni for 1955 was 10.9. The Adjusted Death Rate for Anglesey was 13.6.

Maternal Deaths One

The Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births (live & still) was 19.2. Rate for Anglesey was 2.5; England & Wales, 0.6.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | — | — | — |
| | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| | = | = | = |

The above figures relate to infants who were all under four weeks of age. Therefore, the Neo-natal Death figures are the same as the Infant Death figures.

The Infant (and Neo-natal) Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births = 40.8.

The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 43.0, England & Wales, 24.9.

The Neo-natal Mortality Rate for Anglesey was 33.0; England & Wales, 17.0.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

| Causes of Death | M | F |
|--|----|----|
| 1. Malignant neoplasm, stomach ... | 0 | 1 |
| 2. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 1 | 2 |
| 3. Vascular lesions of nervous system | 4 | 2 |
| 4. Coronary disease, angina ... | 3 | 1 |
| 5. Other heart disease ... | 0 | 3 |
| 6. Bronchitis ... | 0 | 1 |
| 7. Nephritis and nephrosis ... | 1 | 0 |
| 8. Hyperplasia of prostate ... | 1 | 0 |
| 9. Pregnancy childbirth, abortion ... | 0 | 1 |
| 10. Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 2 | 3 |
| 11. All other accidents ... | 1 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 13 | 14 |

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

| Disease | Under1 | 1-2 | 3-4 | 5-9 | 10-14 | 15-24 | 25 & over | Age Unknown |
|----------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----------|-------------|
| Measles | 1 | 8 | 16 | 39 | 2 | — | 1 | 2 |
| Dysentery | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 4 | — |
| Whooping Cough | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |

Tuberculosis

Notifications of Tuberculosis were as follows:-

| Age | Sex | Respiratory or Non-respiratory |
|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| 30 | M | Respiratory |
| 37 | M | " |
| 55 | M | " |
| 61 | M | " |

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by the courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

A total of 28 children were vaccinated for the first time during the year and 4 others were re-vaccinated.

Vaccination against Tuberculosis

B.C.G. vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin negative contacts of known cases. During 1955, 4 such vaccinations were carried out in the district.

Diphtheria Immunisation

A total number of 52 children were immunised during the year, of these 51 were immunised against whooping cough.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1955.

Summary of visits and work carried out during the year.

Dwelling-houses inspected for nuisances,

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| a) Number of houses visited | ... | 65 |
| b) Number of inspections | ... | 65 |
| Number of drains tested with colour, water or smoke | | 18 |
| Visits to work in progress | ... | 12 |
| Interviews with owners or representatives | ... | 6 |
| Dwelling houses where nuisances abated | ... | 28 |
| Visits in connection with overcrowding | ... | 5 |
| Visits in connection with infectious diseases... | | 2 |
| Visits for disinfection of premises | ... | 2 |
| Visits to premises re vermin | ... | - |
| Visits to bakehouses, restaurants, cafés, canteens and hotel kitchens... | | 19 |

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Visits to ice-cream premises | ... | 16 |
| Visits to fish-friers premises | ... | 8 |
| Visits to other food-preparing premises | | 245 |
| Visits re Shops Acts | ... | - |
| Visits to workplaces | ... | 28 |
| Visits re rats, mice and other infestation | | 42 |
| Notices served | | |
| a) Informal | ... | 4 |
| b) Statutory | ... | - |
| Number of cases in which legal proceedings taken | | - |

Infectious Diseases

| | | |
|---|-----|---|
| Number of visits | ... | 3 |
| Number of cases in which disinfection was carried out | | 2 |

FOOD HYGIENE

Number of food premises by type of business (excluding registered premises)

| | | |
|---|-----|-----|
| Butchers | ... | 3 |
| Grocers | ... | 14 |
| Confectioners | ... | 7 |
| Bakeries | ... | 4 |
| Catering establishments (including cafés, restaurants, hotels) | | 8 |
| Number of visits to food premises... | | 286 |
| Number of food premises unsatisfactory from point of view of hygiene. | | 8 |

These premises are known to be unsatisfactory. The survey under Food Hygiene will show others which will require works to be carried out to bring them up to standard.

Preserved Food - Manufacture and Preparation.

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Number of premises registered under Section 14 of Food and Drugs Act, 1938. | | 3 |
| Number of new applications | ... | - |
| Number of visits | ... | 10 |

Ice-Cream

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Number of registered premises | ... | 12 |
| Number of new applications | ... | 3 |
| Number of inspections | ... | 16 |
| Number of contraventions (if any) of the Heat treatment regulations 1947 to 1952. | | - |

Fish-Friers Premises.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|---|
| Number of premises registered. | ... | 4 |
| Number of new applications | ... | 1 |
| Number of visits | ... | 8 |

Milk

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| No. of <u>Dairies</u> and <u>Distributors</u> registered under Part III of Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949. | | 3 |
| Number of new applications | ... | 1 |
| Number of visits to registered premises. | | 4 |

Slaughterhouses

Number in District ... 1

Carcasses inspected and condemned

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep & Lambs | Pigs |
|--|--------|--------|---------------|------|
| Number killed | 533 | 58 | 5019 | 898 |
| Number insepcted | 533 | 58 | 5019 | 898 |
| <u>All Diseases except tuberculosis</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 4 | 3 | 65 | 4 |
| Carcasses of which some part was condemned. | 246 | 2 | 614 | 37 |
| <u>Tuberculosis only</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 1 | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part was condemned. | 14 | - | - | 20 |
| Percentage of the number insepcted affected with tuberculosis. | 2.8% | - | - | 2.2% |

Weights condemned

| | Tons | cwts | qrs | lbs |
|---------------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Cattle | 2 | 16 | 0 | 0 |
| Calves | - | 1 | 0 | 23 |
| Sheep & Lambs | 1 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| Pigs | - | 6 | 0 | 12 |

Knackers Yards

| | | |
|-------------------|-----|------|
| Number registered | ... | None |
| Number visited | ... | Nil |

UN SOUND FOOD

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption (outside slaughterhouses).

| | Quantity | Tons | Cwts | Qrs | Lbs |
|------------------------------------|----------|------|------|-----|-----|
| Butchers meat (including offal) | 1 | - | - | 4 | 4 |
| Other food (including tinned food) | 71 | - | 1 | 1 | 18 |

RODENT CONTROL

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Number of residential properties treated | ... | 172 |
| Number of commercial properties treated | ... | 8 |
| Total number of properties treated by operator | ... | 180 |
| Total number of visits to properties by operator.. | | 222 |

WATER SUPPLY

| | | |
|--|-----|------|
| No. of dwelling houses supplied by public water mains:- | | |
| a) Direct to houses | ... | 786 |
| b) By means of standpipes | ... | 7 |
| Number of dwelling houses dependent on wells for their water | | 48 |
| No. of wells found to be contaminated by faecal matter | | Nil. |

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The new disposal works at Bryn Cefni are in the hands of the consulting Engineers for final siting.

A new sewer extension at Pencraig is completed.

94% of the properties in the area are provided with facilities to connect to main sewer.

Projected schemes or improvements

An Extension to Pencraig Housing Scheme.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Collection by Council's own Refuse Lorry.

Disposal Partly controlled tipping at Turnpike Nant, and Hirdrefaig.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

Number registered ... None

HOUSING

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year.
 - (1) a. Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 148
 - b. No. of inspections made for the purpose. 84
 - (2) a. No. of dwelling-houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. Nil
 - b. No. of inspections made for the purpose. Nil
 - (3) No. of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 45
 - (4) No. of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. ... 23
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices. 116
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. 2
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.
 - (a) Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.
 - (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. Nil
 - (2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
 - a. By owners .. Nil
 - b. By Local Authority in default of owners Nil

3. (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts
- (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. 4
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices,
- a. By owners 3
- b. By Local Authority in default of owners -
- (c) Proceedings under Section 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made... Nil
- (2) No. of dwelling-houses demolished. 4
- (3) No. of houses awaiting demolition. 1
- (4) No. of houses in which undertakings accepted for use other than for human habitation. Nil.
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. None.
- (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit. ... None.

4. Housing Act, 1936 - Part III. Section 26.

No. of houses in respect of which Clearance Orders were made. ... None

Housing Act, 1936 - Part IV - Overcrowding.

- (a) (i) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. ... 5
- (ii) No. of families dwelling therein. 10
- (iii) No. of persons dwelling therein. 43
- (b) No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. ... 2
- (c) (i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. ... 3
- (ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases. 11
- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. ... None

Summary of Housing Defects and Nuisances Remedied during the year.

| | | | |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------|-----|
| Keeping of animals | ... | ... | Nil |
| Offensive accumulations | ... | ... | 1 |
| Sanitary accommodation, | insufficient | ... | - |
| | defective | ... | 20 |
| Drainage | ... | reconstruction... | 6 |
| | | repaired | 18 |
| | | cleansed | 20 |
| Cesspools and septic tanks | abolished | ... | - |
| | repaired | ... | Nil |
| Conversions to w.c's | ... | ... | Nil |
| Refuse receptacles | ... | ... | Nil |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Food Stores | ... | ... | 1 |
| Water Supplies | ... | ... | 86 |
| Walls and Ceilings | ... | ... | 13 |
| Floors | ... | ... | Nil |
| Windows and ventilation... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Baths, lavatory basins and sinks | ... | ... | 10 |
| Staircases | ... | ... | Nil |
| Coppers (defective) | ... | ... | Nil |
| Dampness | ... | ... | 14 |
| Roofs and rainwater pipes. | ... | ... | 22 |
| Yard paving | ... | ... | - |
| Chimneys and fireplaces.. | ... | ... | 4 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | ... | 6 |

Inspections under the Factories Act, 1937

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

| Premises (1) | Number on Register (2) | Number of | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | | Inspection. (3) | Written notices (4) | Occupiers prosecuted (5) |
| (i) Factories WITHOUR MECHANICAL POWER in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 & 6 are to be enforced. | 23 | 20 | 2 | Nil |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Sec. 7 applies:- | | | | |
| (a) WITHOUT MECHANICAL POWER, but enforcement of Sections 1,2, 3,4, & 6 by Local Authorities revoked by the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938. | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Others i.e. Factories WITH MECHANICAL POWER. | 8 | 8 | 1 | Nil |
| (iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding ^{out} worker's premises) | 1 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 32 | 28 | 3 | Nil |

Cases in which defects were found.

| Particulars. (1) | No. of cases in which defects were found | | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6) |
|--|--|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | Found (2) | Referred To H.M. died. Inspec (3) | By H.M. Inspection. (4) | By H.M. Inspection. (5) | |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1) | 3 | 3 | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes. | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework) | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 6 | 5 | - | 2 | - |

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.



